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**GOVERNOR**  
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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 209. This bill requires the Department of Transportation to designate and mark the portion of U.S. Highway 14 from Madison to the Wisconsin-Illinois border as the Ronald Reagan Highway.

While recognizing that state highway and bridge designations have been used to pay tribute to and memorialize certain individuals, I vetoed this legislation last session based on state precedent. This honor has only been bestowed on persons who have been residents of or are natives of Wisconsin. Previous legislatures, whether Republican or Democratic, did not go beyond this precedent at the risk of having highway designations become political. I agree with this precedent and AB 209 is in violation.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM DOYLE  
Governor